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Photo by Mark Arike

A student uses all of his might to carry buckets full of water in one of the educational activities at this year's Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, held Sept. 29-30 at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. See story on page 19.

Dysart candidates discuss jobs, seniors, recreation

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

From economic development to recreation programs and dealing with invasive species, Dysart et al candidates shared their ideas and more during the all-candidates meeting on Sept. 30 at Fleming College.

Ward 1 candidates Bill Davis and Bob Nichol, as well as Ward 3 candidate Bill Sinclair were absent from the meeting. Davis was too ill to participate according to moderator Jim Blake, while Sinclair had a previous engagement and Nichol declined the invitation.

Most questions throughout the evening were directed at the two most hotly contested seats,

those for deputy-reeve and reeve.

In his opening remarks, Reeve Murray Fearrey said jobs are on the rise in the municipality, up just over 16 per cent since 2001, whereas the county itself is down 2 per cent on the whole.

"It's never good enough, always more can be done," he said, citing road improvements, septic reinspections based on historical

records, and affordable housing as priorities for the next term.

To grow the economy, Fearrey said first he would open up the second phase of the industrial park in Haliburton, where over 200 people are working.

"We can't bring in business without a place for them to go," he said.

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County supports rights of 'double hatters'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

County council has passed a resolution supporting the rights of "double hatter" firefighters in Ontario.

The matter was brought to council's attention during a Sept. 24 council meeting.

"This has been an ongoing issue over the years," said county CAO Jim Wilson.

A double hatter is a professional firefighter who also volunteers for a

fire department on his or her off time. The issue has received recent media attention in the case of Tom Hunse, a Toronto-area firefighter of 22 years who has also been a volunteer with Innisfil Fire Services for 26 years. Hunse's union is demanding he be fired from his Toronto job because of how he spends his free time.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is requesting that a change be made to provincial law that would "prevent this type of union interference." AMO provided council a draft resolution that asks the

province to consider protecting these firefighters.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt encouraged her fellow councillors to support the resolution, stating that "career firefighters are very important to our small, rural departments for training purposes."

"Most importantly, I think unions have no business telling members what they can do and what they cannot," said Moffatt, pointing out that she is married to a former professional firefighter who has volunteered for 35 years.

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Pool committee goes 0 for 3

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Fearrey also committed to working with MPAC on the way they use sales for their assessments. He said Haliburton's businesses cannot afford higher commercial taxes, and the current assessment process could be damaging the commercial community.

His opponent, Janis Parker, said her priority is the future of Dysart.

"[We must] focus on the future, so next generations have the opportunity to live, work and play in our beautiful landscape," she said.

To that end, Parker said the municipality must protect its environment and grow its economy. She said the way to do that is to implement an economic development plan in partnership with the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), the Chamber of Commerce, BIA, Fleming College, local businesses, and the ratepayers.

She said 40 per cent are unemployed in Dysart during the winter months, and incomes are 35 per cent lower than the provincial average.

Another way to grow Haliburton's business community is to look at what services are currently being outsourced, and use those as clues for what types of businesses the municipality should be attracting here, Parker said.

Deputy-reeve candidate Dennis Casey said plans without execution are not worthwhile, which is why he's looking at an eight-year "coordinated plan of action to renew and grow confidence and vigour in our community."

"We must provide more opportunities [for businesses]," he said. "Every new job is one step closer to helping our neighbours towards self-sufficiency."

It's also imperative to work at the county level to improve things across the Highlands, he said.

"I would work with [the county] to encourage some economic development because, without that, the businesses here won't have a market to work with in the first place."

Andrea Roberts, Casey's opponent in the race, said her positive attitude will help her achieve her goals on council.

"I value commitment," she said. "I value financial responsibility and have good business sense."

As the current chair of the housing and business committee, and Dysart council's representative to the BIA, Roberts said she is familiar with the challenges faced by local businesses.

"I see collaboration with the economic development committees in other townships," she said. "It's hard working within Dysart to attract new business. The main thing we can do at the Dysart level is to help support those that are in town."

The ward candidates were asked about job and population

growth in the municipality.

Ward 2 candidate David McKay said he's all about jobs.

"Those are the backbone of our economy," he said.

His opponent, Derek Knowles, added that jobs have to come before population growth.

"My concept of a strategic plan would incorporate some sort of procedure and incentive to bring businesses. Population will follow."

Ward 2 candidate Steve Dunec said convincing Fleming College to offer trades programs in the county would go a long way to creating jobs here.

The candidates were also asked about how to make Dysart a more healthy and active community.

"Supporting local agriculture would have a huge impact," said Ward 4 candidate Aaron Walker. "Community gardens ... can be done in a more cohesive manner."

Ward 4 councillor Susan Norcross said Dysart already has a good handle on health and recreation.

"Last year Dysart got a grant and hired a recreation coordinator," she said. "She's developed several successful programs and opportunities for residents. [She's] starting fitness classes. [I] see this grown and enhanced."

Another concern for seniors is transportation.

Walker said the answer may lie in neighbouring

communities.

He pointed to Trout, a rural transportation system run out of Bancroft that he said is completely sustainable.

"They receive funding from the seven municipalities they service. If you're over 50, they go to your door."

While the service is not daily, he said it would be enough to get people into town for shopping.

"There's no reason to re-invent the wheel," he said. "It seems like something that could be doable."

On the issue of the county pool initiative, the two reeve candidates were on opposite ends of the debate.

"I'm in favour of a swimming pool and recreation centre," Parker said. "I'm not in favour of building it on taxpayers' dollars."

Parker said she's prepared to help with a business plan and to find partnerships to help move it forward.

Fearrey, on the other hand, said he did not trust in the numbers presented by the pool committee.

"I don't know how in the world it won't come back, when it's built, on the taxpayers," he said. "I don't believe in [having] 1,600 users in the winter."

The election takes place on Oct. 27.

The entire all-candidates meeting can be viewed online at highlanderonline.ca, along with candidate interviews and biographies.

I'm not in favour of building it [pool] on taxpayers' dollars.

Janis Parker

reeve candidate
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Editorial opinion

Say something

County politicians are wasting a great opportunity to secure votes for the upcoming election.

The all-candidates meetings – for the most part – have been contests between candidates as to who can give the best sound bites. Instead of saying something of value and weighing in on the issues, it's been one meaningless answer after another.

The result is ratepayers leaving these meetings no more certain about their vote than when they arrived.

Yes, the meetings' format doesn't give a lot of time to answer questions – one minute per candidate, reduced to 30 seconds near the end of the meeting. But no one expects candidates to lay out their full economic development plan in a minute.

Instead, let us in on what you're thinking. What will your contribution, as councillor or reeve, be to the discussion?

In the allotted time, it's a reasonable expectation that candidates will provide one or two concrete examples of how the economy could be improved, or how new businesses could be brought into the county. Would they look at providing incentives – do they have an example? If it's a matter of making our county more attractive, then what do they, as candidates, think needs to be improved specifically?

Each group of candidates has been asked about the new OPP billing model, and yet there have been nearly no solid answers as to how to approach it. Yes, budget deliberations will be tough and some things will likely have to be cut, but it's important to voters to know exactly what their candidates would leave on the floor.

For example, would they prioritize culture over infrastructure in budget deliberations?

Would they reduce spending on emergency services, or possibly look at payroll cutbacks? If they believe cuts to services are necessary, then voters want to know where they would look to make those cuts. But if candidates throw up their hands – like most have done – and say OPP billing is a done deal and it's going to make it hard for everyone, they haven't shown any leadership whatsoever.

Candidates are supposed to have ideas. They're supposed to have thought about these issues and be ready to stand on a platform of action – or inaction, if that's their preference. Everybody knows politicians are really good at speaking without saying a lot, but when it comes to an election, candidates are doing themselves – and voters – a disservice.

There remain two scheduled all-candidates meetings, one for Minden Hills and the other for county council. Those candidates should be prepared to stand up to the microphone and actually say something that voters can take home and think about.

Anyone can plan and hold meetings. Anyone can see there are issues that need to be addressed. Anyone can read answers from a card. It takes a true leader to come up with solutions and have the courage to stand behind them in the public eye.



By Matthew Desrosiers

All together

On Monday evening, candidates for reeve and deputy reeve in all municipalities of Haliburton County will gather at Fleming College for the final in a series of public meetings.

Eight of those present will end up on county council, the umbrella municipality that's the upper tier of our two-tier system. As the county is responsible for much of our infrastructure (and tourism marketing, among other things), the people who sit there will be making important decisions that affect all of us.

One topic they might discuss on Monday – so far given not much attention – is amalgamation. With five municipal governments serving just 17,000 permanent residents, it's an obvious option to at least consider, for essentially two reasons.

The first is cost. Five municipal governments require five councils, five treasurers and five CAOs. Though we're unlikely to save much on most operational areas (the roads need as much care and maintenance whether we have one government or five), we could save substantially on management salaries, using the funds for people in other departments or for programs. We would want to make sure we spend our savings to avoid having to give anything back to the province, but we would be doing more with the same amount.

The better reason for amalgamation is the simplicity it offers: one economic development plan, one infrastructure plan and one housing plan. With such a small population, there's a lot to be said for pulling all of our oars in the same direction.

Amalgamation carries with it many risks, chief among them the potential to disenfranchise voters. Informal networks of influence – think volunteers, committees, proximity to politicians – are

torn apart, making many feel they no longer control their own communities. People in Cardiff may not enjoy answering to politicians in Minden, even if Cardiff is represented there.

Another potential problem is change management: putting five different organizations into one. There are different union contracts, different policies – different everything. Some people would have to change jobs, although thanks to our ageing workforce it's unlikely anyone would actually lose theirs; we could wait until they retire. Others would feel a distinct sense of loss as their focus shifts from one municipality to the entire county.

The province is littered with the detritus of poorly-executed and unworkable amalgamations. It's not something to rush into.

Fortunately we have options. We can obtain many of the benefits of amalgamation without the risks, by slowly shifting functions to one or another municipality among us. If one has a particularly good landfill management department, perhaps they could manage waste for all the municipalities, each of which would pay for the service. If another excelled in recreation or trails, it could be the home of that function on behalf of its neighbours, allowing the development of a coherent program without duplication or parts working at cross-purposes.

By experimenting with centralization we can make the most of our resources without giving up our local control. We can concentrate expertise, distribute functions fairly among the municipalities in the county and at the same time deliver more strategic management of services.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Why I am supporting Brent Devolin for reeve

Dear editor,

Yes, it is time for new leadership in Minden Hills after the last four years of turmoil. We need a fresh new approach, so I sat down with others to interview Brent Devolin in November when he said he had decided to run for reeve in the Township of Minden Hills.

I liked what I heard. He moved to Minden in 1969 and later wanted to get involved with municipal politics. He would run for reeve because none of the current council was prepared to challenge for that position. No one had to convince him to run, it was something he wanted to do. His family was at the right age for him to commit full-time for the job.

Brent filed first on Jan. 2. He immediately started to attend the council meetings. Brent is no stranger to politics, having worked on many campaigns both federally and provincially. Both his

grandfather and grandmother were once Reeves of a municipal township. He knows the 24/7 commitment to the job and he has the time to do it. He understands the interaction with the citizens on the street or the “at home” phone calls. Brent realizes the need to understand the interests of new and long-term residents. He would run a transparent council, be a team-player, work well with council, staff and volunteers (the heart of the community). He comes with a fresh approach and no baggage from the last four years of council. His interests also lie with the county and, if elected, he looks forward to working with county council and its many issues.

These are the reasons I will mark my ballot with an X opposite Brent Devolin, the first name on the ballot for reeve.

Lois Rigney
MindenHills

Construction bliss

Dear editor,

My husband, Doug Tedford, is a double-amputee in a wheelchair and had to go to Dr. Butera’s office for dental work. We were reminded of the construction of the sidewalks and their parking lot was closed, but it would be looked after.

We arrived in the parking lot across the street and were greeted by David Bampford (foreman) from Fowler Construction with a crew of others. Erica, Dr. Butera’s receptionist had made this happen. The crew wheeled Doug across the street, stopped the traffic and carried him and the wheelchair over the holes in the road, up the ramp and into the office.

When the dental work was done they were there again to see that we were safely back to the parked car.

I was overwhelmed that Fowler Construction’s crew would do this. The care, compassion and understanding under the circumstances were over the top. It brought me to tears of thankfulness. Another example of such a caring community we live in, even during construction.

Hats off to Fowler and Dr. Butera’s office.

Jan Tedford
Blairhampton

Not the only Outsider

“...the guy who lives down Pine Street, the painter. You know him, you gotta, he’s English, too”

My pal didn’t even blink as he said it, just assuming that because the fellow he was describing had also emigrated from Blighty to Haliburton, I was bound to have met and befriended him.

Nope.
In fact, I’m probably the last person who’d know him, or any other folks of British extraction that live in the county. You see, I try to keep out of the way of fellow Brits. I don’t want to get to know them, why would I? I mean, they might find out why I escaped from that little island across the pond in the first place! Only kidding. They might very well be Scottish and bitter, especially now that their crazed ideas about becoming independent have been quashed. Or they might be Welsh and still annoyed that us English folks waltzed into Wales, bought up all of the derelict ruins that they claim were farmhouses and turned them into nicely renovated holiday homes. Or they might be Northern Irish and just plain annoyed.

Other than that – just a few of the valid reasons that anyone might have to be irked by my Britishness – what would I say to another English person? We’d both have the same boring stories about Blighty. We’d both know the same jokes. We’d both have once owned castles and we’d both know the Queen! Basically, we’d come right out and bore each other from the outset.

Now, getting to know Canadians on the other hand is far more fun. You guys have all kinds of stories that we are totally in awe of. You know the ones, those that make our eyes wide in disbelief. Those that involve bears wandering through your tent in the middle of the night. The ones that include walking through snow drifts as high as the house to get to Timmy’s. Cute raccoon tales (not tails) are a favourite with my lovely wife, while yarns about epic drives out West – 24 hours at the wheel and still not out of the province – are more my style.

In trade I can tell a tale or two about my home country that will actually interest you. Jeez, they actually pay me to write

Photo of the week



Photo by Guenter Horst

Fall colours reflected in Halls Lake.

Not “quite inflated” OPP numbers for HE

Dear editor,

As a casual (non-resident) observer at the Highlands East all-candidates meeting held on Sept. 23, I am a little reluctant to comment on the proceedings. However, I feel compelled to make sure that the voters anywhere in the Highlands are not misled by the comments of candidate Todd Bertram.

Mr. Bertram was accurately reported in last week’s Highlander as saying that he challenged the municipality’s numbers when it comes to tax increases for ratepayers. He further said “My research, based on researching the Bancroft website, their model shows very limited increase for taxpayers.”

If Mr. Bertram had taken his “research” a little deeper, he would have found out that Bancroft is one of a number of municipalities

that receive a considerable benefit (at our very hefty expense) from the new OPP funding model, so if anything, Bancroft should be getting a tax decrease.

The numbers given to the voters of Highlands East are not “quite inflated” as Mr. Bertram suggests. They are very real. They will not be dealt with by a bit of “fine tuning” during the budget process as Mr. Bertram suggests. Every municipality in the county has a huge problem to deal with in regard to the impact of the new OPP funding model and any candidate who tells the voters otherwise in this regard is either not aware of the seriousness of the problem, or is intentionally misleading the public.

Bob Stinson
Haliburton

The Outsider



By Will Jones

them down in this newspaper! I can whinge and moan about traffic jams and too many places to buy liquor. I can wax lyrical about warm beer. I can even pander to your ill-conceived notions that English weather is always grey and rainy. And you’ll love it. That’s why this ‘outsider’ thing works so well.

There is one type of Brit that I do enjoy conversing with, though. It’s the person who on meeting me says, in the broadest Haliburtonian accent, “Hey there, I’m from the Old Country, too.”

“Oh, are you?” I ask, already knowing the way the conversation will go. They’ll ask where I’m from and not have a clue where large city just a few miles down the road from the small village where I was born is. Then, they’ll tell me where they are from in Blighty, before going on to say that their parents brought them across when they were two years old (said person is almost always around the age of 70 by now). And there the conversation will falter for a moment or two because my fellow Brit will begin to acknowledge in their own mind that they are actually as

English as beaver dipped in maple syrup. But not to worry because they’ll get back into their stride with, “Wow, how about the weather over there, eh?”

So you see, I like the fact that I’m the Outsider but I’m not too keen that there are quite a few more of you out there. I like the fact that I’m a little bit different from the majority of folks around here, even if some of my Canadian buddies insist on practicing their terrible ‘English’, “caw-bliymee-guvna” accents on me far more often than is really necessary (note to them, Dick vanDyke in Mary Poppins is not a good accent to emulate). I like being the odd one out, the limey, the guy with the funny accent. I didn’t move to rural Canada hoping to find English people. I like the fact that almost all of you are bona fide Canadians!

And no, I don’t know the painter guy on Pine Street, nor am I on first name terms with ol’ Liz (that’s the Queen to you guys).

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *Have you been to any all-candidates meetings and are you following the election?*



Elinor Kernohan

Minden Hills

I have not been to a candidates meeting but am going to the one in Minden Hills Thursday evening. I am familiar with all of the candidates but anxious to hear their answers.

Kirk Harrison

Minden Hills

I have been checking HighlanderOnline.ca for all my info and I am going to the all-candidates meeting in Minden Hills Thursday evening.



Maggie Harris

Haliburton

Yes I have been to a meeting and it was very informative and helped me make my decision. It was informative and very well-run.

Laurel Duncan

Haliburton

I have not been to any meetings, but I do follow the election information in The Highlander to help make a decision.



Susan Grant

Minden Hills

I just moved here a year ago and am not too familiar with all the candidates. But, I certainly know who I am not voting for.

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EMS site plan to undergo revisions

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Site preparation has started at the new home of the Minden EMS base.

However, a proposed entrance at the north end of the property was denied by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in a recent meeting with officials from the county and township.

"With our meeting with MTO, what they said is until we know exactly what's going to happen on the lots north of where the EMS base is, they're not going to give any decision for any permits," Jim Wilson, CAO for the County of Haliburton, told county councillors on Sept. 24.

"They want to know exactly what's

going to go in there," he said, adding that the MTO is aware that a future fire hall could be built on the property.

In Wilson's report, he indicated that the MTO has agreed to allow two entrances to Highway 35 on either side of an existing paved island on the property. The MTO will review the revised drawings so that an entrance permit can be issued.

"I don't find that very reassuring that they might give you an entrance, they might not," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Wilson said that once the MTO is made aware of any other plans for the property, they would most likely provide formal approval for an entrance.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol

Moffatt described it as a chicken and egg situation.

"I think this factors in to ongoing discussions about what happens with the land," said Moffatt.

Wilson reported that efforts will be made to put the draft site plan agreement on the agenda for the Oct. 8 Minden Hills council meeting. A building permit will be issued once the site plan agreement has been approved by the township.

The EMS base construction project was awarded to Greystone Project Management in July.

The new base will be located off Highway 35, at the former site of Walker's Auto Repair

OPP briefs

Police investigating boat theft in Minden Hills

A Seadoo boat and trailer has been stolen from a cottage on 12-Mile Lake Road in Minden Hills.

Haliburton Highlands OPP were contacted regarding the theft on Sept. 19. According to the OPP, the theft occurred between Sept. 10-19. The boat is a black and yellow two-seater, with an Ontario license plate ON313389. It is valued at around \$14,000. The vessel's hull identification number is YDV16552D010.

The boat's trailer, a 2012 EZ Loader, black, license plate J1752L is valued at \$1,000. Its VIN number is 1ZEABLD6CA000549.

Boat stolen in Highlands East

Bancroft OPP are on the lookout for a maroon and grey Maxum boat and trailer that were stolen from a driveway on Loop Road in Highlands East. The theft was reported on Sept. 29. The theft occurred between the morning of Sept. 27 and afternoon of Sept. 28.

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Highlander news

Only two seats contested in Algonquin Highlands

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Dorset Recreation Centre was far from full for the Sept. 25 Algonquin Highlands all-candidates meeting in Dorset, however residents in attendance didn't shy away from asking some tough questions. Issues discussed at the two-hour event hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce included economic development, tourism, marketing the area, and the new OPP billing model. Before answering questions on these topics and others, the four candidates running for Ward 1 and 3 were each given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the audience.

All of the other seats – including the reeve's position – were acclaimed by incumbents on the closing date of nominations.

Brian Lynch is squaring off against Sarah Coombs for the Ward 1 seat while Bob Buckingham is taking on incumbent councillor Marlene Kyle in Ward 3.

Event moderator Jim Blake presented the first question, which came from the chamber and asked candidates what they would do if elected to support existing businesses and attract new ones to Algonquin Highlands.

Kyle referred to the township's cultural plan, "which indirectly identifies opportunity for economic development." She said Dorset offers the arts and shopping, Oxtongue offers retail and accommodations on "the doorstep of Algonquin Park," and Stanhope has a log chute, museums and many fine art programs.

"I think we need to pull all of this together to make us one community," she said.

Buckingham said it's time to develop a strategic plan to promote the township.

"I think it's time we develop a plan to promote Algonquin Highlands, both marketing-wise and we also need to re-invest in a lot of our infrastructure," he said.

Lynch pointed to the need for more jobs, especially for young people. He said that many students leave to study in urban centres and never return.

"With further marketing, I believe we can bring people to this area," said Lynch.

Coombs, who sits on the Haliburton County Development Corporation's



Photo by Mark Arike

Ward 1 candidate Sarah Coombs addresses the audience while moderator Jim Blake looks on.

economic innovations committee, said that the area heavily relies on the tourism and trades industries.

"I would like to see more new ideas and more support for the shoulder season in both of those industries," she said, explaining that this could be achieved through partnerships with Fleming College, the arts community and sister communities.

A question from the local CARP chapter addressed seniors in the area, and whether candidates viewed them as "a problem or opportunity."

Each candidate expressed their support of the local senior population and said they are an asset to the community.

"Age brings experience," said Lynch, adding that many seniors also bring "secure, disposable income" with them.

He listed affordable housing, transportation, health care and home care as issues that currently face this demographic.

As a volunteer with the Dorset Health Care Team, Coombs said she firmly believes in bringing health care closer to home.

Kyle said Algonquin Highlands would be a very quiet community if it weren't for the many seniors who get involved as volunteers.

CARP also asked candidates for their position on bringing a pool and recreation centre to the township.

Lynch said he didn't believe a pool is a priority for either ward. He said that people in the area would be more likely to travel to Bracebridge or Huntsville instead of Haliburton to use one of these facilities.

Coombs said she agreed with Lynch's point to some extent, but said it's important to consider the opinions of others.

"I've looked at the proposal," she said. "Although I don't have all the ins and outs of it, I definitely would be willing to continue communication on it if it's not a burden to the taxpayer."

However, Coombs said it would be a hard sell given the current "tough financial times."

Kyle said she didn't think the pool would benefit residents because of how far they're located from Haliburton and Minden.

Buckingham, who is a level two swimming official, said that although he would love to see the creation of a facility where swimmers could train, local residents would be more likely to travel to the Summit Centre in Huntsville.

"Not to undermine people to the south of us, it's just that everybody would be paying for it," he said, pointing out that he would be all for it if it were a sustainable venture.

Voting day in the township is on Oct. 27.

To watch the all-candidates meeting in its entirety go to highlanderonline.ca.

A safe crossing for turtles

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has been given the go-ahead to construct a turtle barrier wall on County Road 1 near Gelert as part of the group's Turtle Road Mortality Project.

County council entered into an agreement with the HHLT at their Sept. 24 meeting.

Roads department employee Roy Haig told council that the installation would route turtles through a road culvert rather than over the road surface. The effectiveness of the barriers, which span 275 metres on either side of the road, will be monitored over a three-year period.

Once the monitoring of this phase is completed, the feasibility of expanding the program to other known areas of turtle activity will be assessed, reported Haig.

"They [the HHLT] work very closely with the roads department so I think that they've met our concerns and now it's just a matter

of them installing the barriers they have designed," he said.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt asked Haig if he knew how much in-kind staff time was being donated to the project.

"It's a great project, but I don't think we want our public works staff on-call for turtles," she said.

Haig said that wouldn't be the case.

"All that we've been asked to do is provide some equipment – barrels, signs, these kinds of things – to support them."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen called the project "an extraordinary effort to preserve and protect the turtles."

Throughout the summer, the HHLT in partnership with Glenside Ecological Services Limited, the Ministry of Natural Resources and many volunteers, monitored various sites throughout Haliburton County to determine the most suitable location for a turtle crossing.



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7:00 – 9:00 pm, Municipal Election – Reeves
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Oct 9

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Oct 24

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National Film Board Thursdays

Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00 pm (ongoing)
The MHCC offers documentaries by the National Film Board. This
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Photo by Mark Arike

HHHSF executive director Dale Walker provides a summary of the past year to board directors.

Community drives HHHSF success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) has raised \$620,000 through its Making Moments Matter campaign to build a new palliative care centre in Haliburton.

That was just one of the highlights in a report presented by HHHSF executive director Dale Walker to the foundation's board of directors at this year's annual general meeting on Sept. 29.

When the campaign launched at the end of May, it started with \$450,000 of its \$900,000 fundraising target in the bank.

"We have so many community groups that support us, we're very fortunate that way," Walker told the board.

Some of the HHHSF's major fundraising events have included the Matt Duchene Gold Medal Golf Classic, the Cash for Care lottery and the recent Radiothon. Other ongoing fundraising initiatives include the Christmas campaign, sales of stuffed animals and the special gifts program.

Walker said the foundation has "a great core of volunteers" who help make all of the events and fundraising campaigns possible. She also thanked the staff for their contributions.

Since September of last year, the HHHSF has funded more than \$647,000 in equipment purchases for both the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. Some of these purchases include four vital signs monitors at a cost of \$14,000, 10 patient lifts for \$50,000, and x-ray equipment valued at \$213,000.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian called 2013-14 "a year of transformation" for the corporation.

"We developed an integration plan, the Central East LHIN [Local Health Integration Network] approved the plan," said Eskedjian.

As part of the integration process, services provided by Community Care, SIRCH Community Services and the Victorian Order of Nurses fall under the umbrella of HHHS. Eskedjian said that as of Oct. 1, Community Care transferred all of their programs, staff,

volunteers and operating dollars to the corporation.

"With those transfers, we actually will form a new community support services division of Haliburton Highlands Health Services," he said.

Eskedjian added that HHHS has formed a strategic alliance with the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay in an effort to enhance the quality and range of services offered in Haliburton County.

He concluded by thanking the HHHSF staff and board for their continual support of HHHS, and never denying any of his requests.

"A year ago I was amazed by the generosity of this community," said Eskedjian. "A year later I'm still amazed."

The following slate of directors was voted on to the HHHSF board for 2014-18: Dave Coulson, Scotty Morrison, Peter Oyler, Lisa Tompkins, Ketan Dekiwadiya, Steve McLean, David Zilstra, Sandy Adams, Don Popple, Steve Todd, Jim Mitchell, Brad Duckworth, Curtis Armstrong and Carol Patrick.

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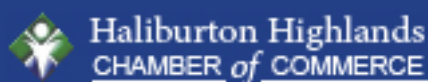
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Three opt-out of second all-candidates meeting in Cardiff

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Although it was organized at the last-minute and with little notice, over 100 people packed the Cardiff Legion on Sept. 30 for an all-candidates/ratepayers meeting hosted by the community.

All of the Highlands East candidates participated in the meeting with the exception of reeve incumbent Dave Burton, who told The Highlander that he had other commitments, and deputy-reeve incumbent Suzanne Partridge and Ward 3 candidate Donna Graham, both of whom decided not to participate due to the lack of an agenda.

"They felt that they did not get an agenda," said the meeting's moderator Anne Whitehead, who pointed out that this was a question and answer meeting, not a debate.

"If there's any nonsense, I will rule you out of order and I will ask you to leave," she said.

Each candidate was given two minutes to give an opening statement before Whitehead opened up the floor for questions.

One of the first questions tackled the new OPP billing model, which will be implemented in 2015 and is expected to increase the cost of policing services by more than \$3 million in Haliburton County.

"Are we locked into this?" asked one local resident. "And can we change it?"

Reeve candidate Steve Cosentino was first to answer by calling the model "totally unfair."

"Fifty per cent of Highlands East is Crown land and we're getting penalized for that," said Cosentino. "Why isn't the province stepping up and paying their fair share?"

He added that there should be a way to recoup the costs of false alarm calls from the province.

Ward 4 candidate Todd Bertram said he researched the matter and found that the estimated increase appears to be overinflated.

"I don't think it's going to be as bad as they say," said Bertram. "We can certainly look into it further, but I think we've been scared a bit here."

Incumbent councillor and Ward 4 candidate Joan Barton said that municipalities are "the creature of the province" and therefore must play by the rules.

"What powers a municipality has are delegated down by the province," said Barton, adding that the province is downloading balancing its budget onto the municipalities.

Barton said the current cost of policing in the municipality comes to \$149.53 per household annually, but will rise to \$369 per year at the end of the five-year phase in.

Councillor incumbent and Ward 3 candidate Cecil Ryall said the increase is imminent.

"Our current bill is \$700,000 — and I don't care where you get your numbers from, it's going to roughly \$1.4 million," said Ryall.

Ward 2 candidate Adam Szelei echoed Bertram's comments about the projected costs.

"I think there's been a huge hype over this,"



Photo by Mark Arike

Highlands East reeve candidate Steve Cosentino, left, speaks to a ratepayer after a public meeting held at the Cardiff Legion on Sept. 30.

said Szelei, pointing out that he doesn't agree with the new model or OPP salary increases. However at this point, "it's too far gone," he said.

Another local resident asked candidates who volunteer with the Highlands East fire department if they would declare a conflict of interest when it comes to personnel issues or proposed wage adjustments within the department. He also inquired about whether they would resign from their positions if elected.

Ward 1 candidate Cam McKenzie said his career as a volunteer firefighter spans 37 years and is coming to an end.

"I planned on resigning if elected, and I'll probably resign anyway if I'm not elected," said McKenzie.

He pointed out that the Elections Act allows volunteer firefighters to keep their positions if elected into office.

"What we're doing is not violating any legislation," he said.

Szelei said he wouldn't resign from the department, but would declare a conflict if matters arose involving him.

"As far as voting for the department, anything that I would vote for would benefit this community," he said.

As a volunteer firefighter, Bertram said there wouldn't be any decisions made about wages because there aren't any being paid out. Like Szelei, Bertram said he would refrain from matters should they directly involve him.

Volunteer firefighters currently receive payment for calls they respond to and meetings they attend. Payment for firefighters is based on a point system.

The question wasn't directed at Ryall, who is also a member of the department.

One resident asked candidates if they would consider hiring a building inspector on a

contract basis instead of offering a permanent position.

Szelei thought that was a good idea in light of the many complaints about the previous chief building official, who resigned in August. Former fire chief Bill Wingrove has since taken over the job.

"I think the former building inspector was a huge issue. I don't think it was ever dealt with," he said.

Cosentino thought it was "an excellent suggestion and one that council should consider."

Bertram said all it would take is proper management and direction from council to avoid such problems.

Some of the other topics discussed at the meeting included bylaws, community engagement with council, the feasibility of a pool and recreation centre, and the condition of the municipality's infrastructure.

Event organizer Basil Cox told The Highlander that he was pleased with the turnout, even though a couple of candidates were no-shows.

"As far as I'm concerned, they've missed the boat," said Cox, who admitted that candidates received short notice about the event.

Burton told the paper that he was notified about the event on Sept. 25, less than a week before it took place.

"The thing about it is we had to do it as soon as we could for the simple reason that the ballots were going to be mailed out and then it's almost too late at that point in time," said Cox.

The municipality's first all-candidates meeting was held on September 23 in Wilberforce and was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in partnership with CARP Chapter 54.

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Farrell puts it all together in new book

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

When George Farrell sat down four years ago to write 'Lonely Lake', it was meant to be a pilot for a television series.

But he only got a third of the way through before he made the decision to turn it into a book, which has just recently hit the shelves in Haliburton County.

"I don't know why I decided [to do] that, but I think I wanted a hard copy out there," Farrell said.

As a first-time novelist, he followed the popular advice to write what you know.

"I know about photography, writing, I'm a big naturalist, I'm high on social issues, I know our communities and Haliburton County, I know a lot about this place," he said. "Where does one get an opportunity to put all those things together but in a book? So I put it all together and it flowed pretty well."

Farrell describes the book as a cottage country mystery.

"It's not your traditional mystery where all the action in the book is along a timeline that unfolds in such a way as to get to the mystery. The mystery is discovered almost accidentally."

"I would say it's a sociological look at life in a small town in the country, built around a mystery."

'Lonely Lake' is inspired in some ways by Haliburton County. The book touches on the arts, the environment, sexism and racism, single motherhood, and bullying.

"All these subjects are touched on," Farrell said. "In a small community such as ours, the dynamic is different than it would be in a large community. Everybody knows everybody. For me, that was insightful in as much as it makes the story-telling aspect closer to home, more relatable to what I know and love in a small town."

Despite the sociological side of the book, Farrell said it was written to entertain.

"I tried to write it in a way that people talk," he said. "This book is not high literature for the intelligentsia. It's entertainment. Having said that, there are these social issues that I bring up that are relevant."

"I think everybody from ages 18 to 80 can enjoy it."

There was a time when Farrell wasn't sure the book would get done. When he started writing the novel four years ago, he had set aside three months to come up with his first draft.

"I sat down at the computer every day after my coffee in the

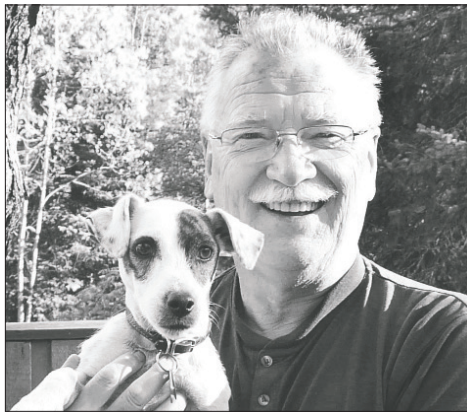


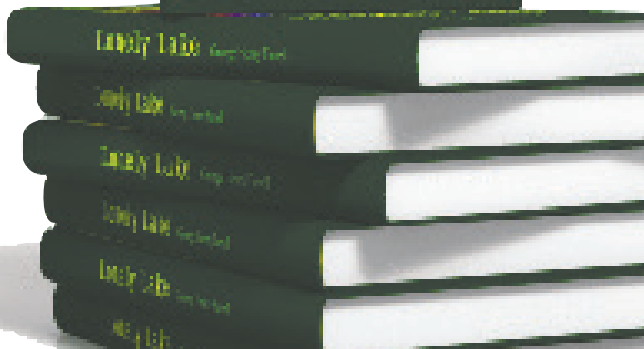
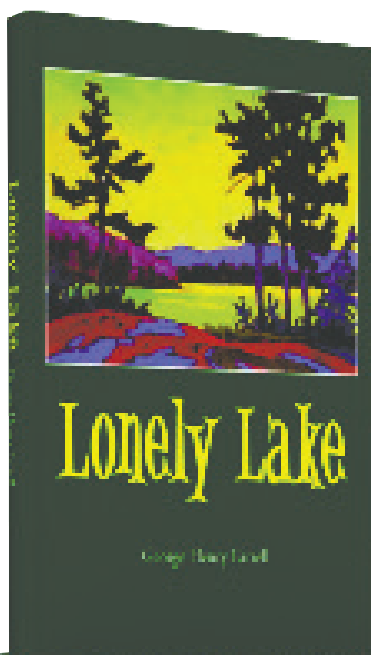
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George Farrell and his beloved pup.

morning, and I wrote religiously for four, five, sometimes six hours."

Farrell sent the draft around to members of the community, including Jack Brezina and Donna Gagnon, who helped edit the novel. Four years and 10 drafts later, and 'Lonely Lake' is now on the shelves.

"I'm quite happy with it," he said. "I still think I would like to see it as a pilot, either a standalone pilot movie or a continuing series. Somewhere along the line I'm going to work on that aspect of it."

'Lonely Lake' is available at Organic Times in Minden, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Master's Book Store in Haliburton, and the Haliburton County Public Library has purchased two copies.



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Our very own filmfest

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) is gearing up for another year.

From Nov. 7-9, seven films will be shown during the 8th annual festival. Titles include Chef, The Lunchbox, Wadja, Like Father Like Son, Tracks, Big News From Grand Rock, and The Great Beauty.

It wasn't always easy to get movies such as these for the festival. Thanks to the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), a program called Film Circuit, and a man by the name of Cam Haynes, HIFF was born in 2007.

Haynes, who also created Cinefest in Sudbury, approached TIFF to try and get access to the movies they were showing in the Toronto festival. When the movies were sent up to Sudbury, Haynes received calls from other communities asking if the films could be sent their way before they were returned to TIFF. Thus was born the Film Circuit.

"There are 180 communities across the country that are a part of Film Circuit," said Those Other Movies and HIFF director Tammy Rea. "It's the non-profit division of TIFF. It's to get movies to communities and give exposure to Canadian movies."

When films were coming in 100-lbs canisters, Film Circuit would send them around on Greyhound or Northland buses. However, because Haliburton is not serviced by the buses, the films would need to be couriered to the Highlands.

"Every community creates their own culture with [Film Circuit]," Rea said, "We have complete control of what it looks like here."

Before launching HIFF, a group of film lovers started Those Other Movies in 2006. Rea and Lisa Kerr were two of the founding members. The films were shown at the Molou Theatre in Haliburton.

"We didn't know what movies we were going to show at Those Other Movies," said Rea. "We started selling tickets in August for the opening in September."

She said the reception was so good, they managed to sell out the entire theatre on season passes alone.

"We had to turn people away. It was crazy good."

Kerr said they also tied in the movie nights with local restaurants, where groups of movie-goers would discuss the film after the show.

"Our first season was so successful that we thought we were seeing a lot of movies that were pushing the envelope and interesting, international movies," Rea said. "We thought we can start a film festival, picked a weekend and went around the world. We started with a Canadian movie and ended with an Inconvenient Truth."

That first weekend they showed eight films.

"That was the first HIFF."

Rea said it took a couple of years for HIFF to find its legs. The organizers had decided to give the festival five years to decide whether or not it was worth continuing.

"Either it was going to close or keep

going," said Rea.

On the fifth year, they decided to really push advertising for the festival and dropped their ticket prices to \$5 per movie.

"It attracted a new audience that didn't know about us," she said. "Those Other Movies makes a slight profit and it subsidized documentary day and HIFF. We think it's a service we bring to the community."

Kerr's favourite movie shown to date at the festival was Under the Same Moon, a film about a young boy who travels across the United States looking for his mother.

Rea's favourite was The Hunt.

"I was shocked when I saw it, and how far we pushed the envelope," she said. "Then I was proud that we brought it. It was a challenging movie to watch."

Kerr agreed that it was a great film for the festival.

"When people came out of the theatre, they wouldn't look at you," she said.

HIFF has since migrated to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, though organizers dream of one day having a theatre to house the festival.

"We're really proud that in nine years we've brought over 150 movies from around the world to this community," said Rea. "We think we will keep it going forever as long as we can, but we do dream of a theatre. We dream of marquis lights in the county again."

For more information on this year's lineup, visit haliburton-movies.com.



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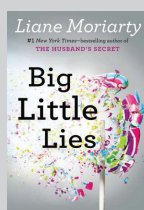
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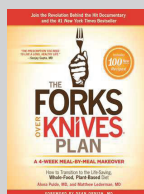
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It hadn't always been this way. Years ago he had actually climbed in his car and driven with no particular destination in mind but simply to take in the dazzling fall scene. Then life had happened to Jake. His marriage collapsed, his last surviving parent died and his dog ran away. At that point Jake wished could also run away – away from bills, sadness and the solitary life that he awoke to each morning.

So the cheerful, dimpled enthusiasm he saw all around him really rubbed him the wrong way. Of course he couldn't say anything to the people who gushed about glorious maples and the joys of autumn life. All he wanted to do was crawl back into bed and stay there feeling sorry for himself.

Fortunately for Jake, he had just acquired another dog. After two months he had to admit to himself that his beagle was gone for good. So he had taken on

an older mutt. It needed a home and Jake needed a reason to get up in the morning. The dog's name was Samuel and it was seven, part lab and maybe three other breeds.

Samuel was a handful. He had never been house trained or taken for walks so Jake struggled along, doing what he had always been good at, namely persevering. Samuel proved to be a slow learner but very affectionate.

After one really rough day during which Jake had to clean up two messes in the house, he lost his temper and hit the dog with a newspaper – hard. He wondered if he had made a mistake in taking on Samuel. While the dog retreated to the basement, Jake took a mug of coffee outside to sit by the pond and calm down.

Birds swarmed the feeders he faithfully filled every morning. Here was another interest that kept him going through this difficult time. He enjoyed watching the small creatures jostling about in all their variations. However today they only made him feel worse. Soon most of them would be gone, flown south. Jake wished he could also go away. But like the blue jays and chickadees, he would still be

here when the snow piled up and the wind blew it in drifts around his house. Spring was a long way off.

The next morning as he lay in his bed, Jake wondered if Samuel was a lost cause. The dog had stayed clear of him all evening. But when Jake walked downstairs there was Samuel wagging his tail as usual, waiting for his morning walk. Then Jake remembered someone telling him that for dogs, 'every day is a new day'. So Jake reached down and patted Samuel's bony head before clicking on the leash and stepping outside.

Of course it was another glorious early morning, the clouds streaming in soft pink wisps. Nuthatches and finches were already dive-bombing the feeder by Jake's front door, their chirps a small chorus of greeting. Samuel's tail was up and nose down as he snuffed and snorted through the leaves strewn like petals on the ground. He looked so happy and took such delight in every stump and patch of weedy grasses that Jake felt himself smiling. The dog certainly did not hold a grudge.

It was going to be another warm day. Summer had taken leave early but then

returned in late September and Jake marvelled at the weather. Winter was coming but it certainly wasn't here yet, he thought, looking at the sky and listening to the birds. Samuel pushed on, nose still glued to whatever lay beneath them. He was so intent on that he didn't even see the three deer standing motionless by a clump of cedars. Their big soft eyes followed man and dog, dog oblivious and man entranced, as the two walked by.

Jake was starting to feel a brush of optimism as he continued walking. True there were some tough times ahead for him. But like the weather, he couldn't really be sure how it would all go. Right now though, this morning and this moment, life felt good. Perhaps he thought, looking back at the deer still there, perhaps he should be more like Samuel and take his days one at a time. That had to work better than how it had been.



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Left: Director Helen Parker shoots a scene with recently engaged couple Amanda vanLieshout and Will Harding. Right: Earl Cooper, right, participates in a scene with vanLieshout and Harding.

Dixon shoots 'Part of a Set'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The undying love of a local married couple is part of the inspiration behind Carl Dixon's latest song, "Part of a Set."

The former lead singer of The Guess Who, who resides in Haliburton, was busy shooting his music video for the song at various locations in the Haliburton Highlands this past week.

"Earl and Eleanor Cooper were part of the inspiration, and I was thinking about couples that stay together through thick and thin," Dixon told The Highlander. "No matter what the world throws at them they find a way to tough it out and stick together. At the end of it all they're really glad that they did because they've still got each other. That's what the song's about."

Dixon lived in Haliburton for a period of time when he was a boy. His father taught at the high school and Earl worked with him during those years.

"We met again when I moved back to town," said Dixon, adding that he got to know Eleanor through her involvement with the local media.

For the past year-and-a-half, the Canadian rocker has been in the process of transitioning to country music.

"Country music is a better fit for me these days," he said, explaining that his approach to songwriting is now more

about storytelling rather than taking "an aggressive approach."

The Coopers, who just recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary and live in West Guilford, were happy to be featured in the music video.

"I couldn't have imagined it," said Earl. "It was something that was a bit of surprise."

A pipe major for years with the Haliburton Highlands Pipe Band, Earl said he became accustomed to being photographed. However, being part of an organized video shoot was a new experience for him.

Earl and his wife were part of a waltz scene shot in a barn located at Killarla Station, a property owned by Susan and Randy MacDonald in Minden.

Recently engaged couple Amanda vanLieshout and Will Harding were also filmed in a scene at the barn.

All of the footage was captured by director Helen Parker of MyCo Video, who is also Dixon's fiancée.

Dixon will be submitting the video to Country Music Television (CMT) in December or January.

"We're shooting at CMT and any other video networks that are promoting country music," he said.

Once his latest album has been completed, Dixon said he might host an unveiling party somewhere in Haliburton.

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Highlander life

Radiothon brings in bucks for beds

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With the generosity of the community and support of several local businesses, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's (HHHSF) eighth annual Radiothon has raised \$33,000 for the purchase of nine new hospital beds.

"We will be funding the new hospital beds right away," wrote HHHSF executive director Dale Walker in an email.

The two-day event was on the airwaves from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 26 and 27. As in previous years, both Moose FM and Canoe FM devoted a majority of their airtime to the cause.

"We couldn't do it without the Moose or Canoe," said Walker. "They're vital to us. They're the ones pumping it all the time."

The Radiothon featured seven auction items and 15 on-air sponsors paid \$100 to have their name mentioned four times on the radio. Funds were collected over the phone and at Foodland stores in Minden and Wilberforce.

About 30 volunteers helped set up the event and answer phones at Dublin Gate Irish Pub in Haliburton, which served as the Radiothon's headquarters.

Dublin Gate has been running a Bucks for Beds campaign at their restaurant, which to date has raised over \$800.

"The greatest thing about this is that it hardly has any expenses. When you talk about how much goes to the charity, it's all of it pretty well," said Walker.

Varouj Eskedjian, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said the fundraiser will help replace acute care beds that are 14 years old in the Haliburton hospital's inpatient department.

"They're \$5,000 a piece," said Eskedjian.

The total purchase will cost \$45,000 and the HHHSF has committed to funding the full amount.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Volunteer Wendy Gunning answer the phone to accept a donation from a caller. Above: Acclaimed Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, right, goes on-air to chat with Paul Cameron.

"The reason why we had asked for the beds is that our nurses would have asked for the replacement of those beds because they're looking at the most up-to-date technology that helps with the care that they provide to the

patient," he said.

Eskedjian thanked the volunteers, radio stations, HHHSF staff and the community for their support of the fundraising initiative.

All smiles for 'Professor of Happiness'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over the course of his career, Fletcher Peacock has taught CEOs, mental health workers and even the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) about a strategy he developed known as solution focused communication.

On Sept. 26, Peacock, otherwise known as the "Professor of Happiness," brought his teachings to Haliburton for a one-day workshop at the Haliburton Curling Club. The event was hosted by SIRCH Community Services.

"I'm an eternal student," Peacock told the workshop participants.

With a bachelor of science (math and physics) and master's degree in social work, Peacock is the author of "Water the Flowers, Not the Weeds." The best-selling book, which was inspired by the many conferences and seminars Peacock has spoken at worldwide, focuses on his strategy to improve communication and relationships in all areas of life.

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Through my eyes Dog friendly stores



By Austin McGillion

When I first moved here my grandmother and I went to a local store and we took our dog, Sophie. She came in with us while we shopped and I thought it was very cool that we didn't have to leave her outside alone in the vehicle.

Not too long after that, a new store opened up in Minden and we decided to go check it out. The dog wanted to come with us so we brought her along. When we arrived we thought nothing of bringing her inside (she was wearing her collar and leash). We put her in the cart and we started out to do our shopping, but we got no further than the customer service counter and the clerk told us the dog wasn't allowed in the store.

Now to me that seemed unreasonable considering there was no sign posted at the entrance and there were no food products in the store. So we left the store and returned to Haliburton and shopped there. However, upon a

return trip we noticed that Minden store now had a sign posted on the door stating they are dog friendly. This is very good because I know we are not the only people who take their dogs with them everywhere and sometimes you can't leave them in the vehicle because it is too hot. I'm sure this especially applies to tourists.

When I went to Minden last week to see my orthodontist, Dr. Zaichuk, we needed to go into one of the stores there, but posted on the sliding door was a big sign saying "no pets." So once again I took Sophie, our dog, back to the truck while Grandmother did her shopping.

May I just say that if you don't have fresh produce or food in your store you should let dogs in with their owners as long as they are on a leash. I don't understand what the difference is between a service dogs and regular dogs. They all preform a service in some way, it's just that pets aren't recognized for their service.

Sophie is my security dog, meaning she makes me feel safe in social situations.

I think that business owners should consider being dog friendly and how it can impact people coming into their establishment. People just out walking their dog might see something in a store window and on impulse want to go in and make the purchase, but can't because they have their dog with them.

Chances are they will forget about buying the item when they get home and the store will lose that sale. Certainly there can be rules regarding dogs in stores and that would be up to the individual store owner, but overall I think it is a win-win for everyone.

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Top: Students participate in one of the 49 water-related activities at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. Middle right: Volunteer Katie McPartlin talks to Stuart Baker Elementary School student Merrick Chapman. Bottom right: OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee greets a group of students before allowing them to climb aboard the marine unit's boat. Bottom left: Bracebridge students Colgan Dunn, Hap Hodgson and Seth Cumby check out the inside of an Algonquin Highlands fire truck. Middle left: A group of students get behind the wheel of an Algonquin Highlands rescue boat.



Children's Water Festival celebrates 10th anniversary

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Nearly 1,300 children from across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were bused to the Kinark Outdoor Centre between Sept. 29 and 30 for the 10th annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival.

This year's festival featured 49 activity

centres where students in Grades 4-6 could learn about everything to do with water, including conservation, aquatic life and shoreline protection. The stations were manned by volunteers, most of whom were Trent University students in their first year of the environmental studies program.

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Left to right: Lauri Petz, RBC Royal Bank regional vice president; Beth O'Connor, RBC Dominion Securities; Debbie Eden, RBC Royal Bank branch manager (Bracebridge); and Irene Heaven, Children's Water Festival coordinator.

RBC makes a splash with donation

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The RBC Blue Water Project is helping make the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival a reality with their continued financial support.

"This has been going on for years," said Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities in Haliburton.


On Sept. 29 at Kinark Outdoor Centre, O'Connor was joined by Debbie Eden, RBC Royal Bank branch manager in Bracebridge, and Lauri Petz, RBC Royal Bank regional vice president, to present \$4,800 to Irene Heaven, coordinator of the 10th annual festival.

Heaven said the funds would help pay for meals and T-shirts for volunteers, use of the facility and developing new activity centres.

RBC was recognized as an "Ocean" sponsor along with Hydro One and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

According to their website, the RBC Blue Water project has pledged over \$41 million to more than 700 charitable organizations that protect watersheds and promote access to clean drinking water, with an additional \$8.8 million pledged to universities for water programs.

The local festival is a project of Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning.





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Highlander sports



HHSS golf team tees off in Kawartha West Golf League

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Despite their best efforts, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) golf team didn't qualify for the Kawartha Championships.

"We are in a bit of rebuilding phase but I am hopeful that with more coaching this fall and next spring by myself and Ken Rosenberg, we will be more competitive in September 2015," said coach Paul Longo in an email.

The HHSS golfers participated in round one of the Kawartha West Golf League on Sept. 18 at Oliver's Nest Golf Club in Lindsay. Round two was held at Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden on Sept. 24.

A total of 32 players from five teams participated in the tournament with the top two individuals and two teams moving on to the Kawartha Championships held in Peterborough on Sept. 30.

The HHSS team consisted of the following players: Regan Casey, Cole Finlay, Lucas Esson, Angus Sullivan, Kyle Warburton, Brenden McKee, Sam Longo and Parker Smolen.



Top: Dawson Bruce drives the ball on the 12th tee. Right: Ryan Reeson smiles as he watches his drive take flight. Left: Two HHSS golfers watch as a fellow player hits the ball.

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Above: A senior Red Hawks player chases after the ball as it makes its way out of bounds. Below: Two players clash to gain possession of the ball.



Back-to-back losses for Red Hawks soccer teams

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Although the junior and senior boys Red Hawks soccer teams had homefield advantage on Sept. 30, neither team was able to pull out a win.

The junior team lost 3-0 against St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints while the senior team fell 4-0 in a game against the same school. Both home-openers were played

at Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field.

During intermission of the senior game, coach Rob Gervais said his team needed to be more aggressive in their pursuit of the ball.

"You don't want them getting to the ball first," Gervais told the team. "That is a huge problem in this game; they are getting every ball first."

The senior Saints team is currently tied for first in their division with Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Hurricanes.

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Storm goes 0 for 2 against Muskoka

Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Atom AE

Submitted by Ron Hall

The Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Atom AE team travelled to port carling to play the Muskoka Rock for a doubleheader on Sept. 28.

The Storm came out strong despite the first game jitters and tried their best, going down by nine after two periods. The Storm regrouped after the flood with passes from Emily Alexander and Chloe Billings. Kyan Hall took the puck and battled his way all the way up the ice and scored his first of the season. In the end the storm fell to Muskoka 13-1.

The Atoms hit the ice for their second game and came out strong. Muskoka scored first but Hall got pulled down when he tried to split the defence, giving the Storm a penalty shot. Hall tied the game scoring with a deke on the penalty shot. The Rock scored again in the first making it 2-1 going into the second. After two periods the Rock were ahead 3-1. The Rock managed to get three more in the third to make the final score 6-1.

It was a great effort by all the players, and good strong goaltending by Damon

Harriss throughout the day. The next game for the Atom AE's is our home opener Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Minden against Huntsville.

Walker's Heating and Cooling Highland Storm Midget AE

Submitted by Monica Keefer

On Sept. 27, the Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE team travelled to Bracebridge for their first game of the season. The team lost 6-5 with goals by Chase Burden assisted by Chris Thompson; Ethan Keefer with two assisted by Thompson, and Connor Gadway and Nic Thompson; Greg Crofts assisted by Burden; and Jon Morrison assisted by Thompson and Burden.

Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Highland Storm Tykes

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

The Highland Storm Tyke team, sponsored by Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking, stormed into the Centre Hastings arena on Sept. 28 for their first exhibition game of the season.

Chase Winder had his first shutout, with the game ending at 17-0. Winder definitely deserves congratulations, along with his very deserving 10 teammates. They all played hard, with determination and grit. There were just too many great goals, assists, passes, hat tricks and saves to mention them all. Let's just say this little team is a force to be reckoned with.

The 2014/15 Tyke team is coached by Mike Rupnow, assistant coach Tim DeGeer, rainer Darryl Winder and manager Kelly Winder. The Tykes are Connor Byrne, Kadin Card, Addison Carr, Colby Coumbs, Cheyenne DeGeer, Jace Mills, Mak Prentice, Wyatt Raposo, Ty Rupnow, Josh Scheffee, and Chase Winder.

RM Carpentry Highland Storm Atom A

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

In preseason action, the ride was bumpy and unpredictable. Their first exhibition test was a disappointing 10-4 loss in Bancroft to the Jets. The RM Carpentry Storm played a haphazard game and the coaches knew there was work to do. One week later they came together and played another pre-season game against the Jets,

in Haliburton, with heart. They gelled as a team and every single member contributed to the win, 3-2, over the same Jets from the week before.

Then came the season opener in Huntsville. The Otters have been a nemesis of the Storm for some time and all of the kids knew what to expect going in. Coming off of the high of the impressive win the week before, the Storm and the fans felt a guarded optimism. You could hear the Guns n Roses blaring from the Storm dressing room as the team prepared to rumble and shake the Huntsville arena.

The first period was tight. With great scoring chances at both ends of the rink and little room to skate, the two teams ended the frame scoreless. But the close checking, well-disciplined Otters took their toll on the Storm. The Highland team were having some troubles getting the puck out of their own end, and the second period ended with a 1-0 Huntsville lead.

The Storm came out determined in the third, pressing the Otters, but some scrappy play, close checking, and scrambles in front of the Storm net resulted in a few penalties for both sides and two more Huntsville goals. The game ended in a 3-0 Storm loss.



Sir Sam's host 4th O-Cup downhill race

The Downhill Ontario Cup provincial championships came to Sir Sam's Ski and Bike on Sept. 28. Angela Bishop of Sir Sams said 106 riders participated in the race. "It was very successful," she said. "It was a great turnout. It's a good spectator sport." Bishop said the weather was perfect for a day of racing. She said the end of the season is being celebrated on Thanksgiving weekend at Sir Sam's with chairlift rides up the hill to see the fall colours.

Photo submitted by Chris Bishop
Pictured left, a downhill racer catches some air at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike on Sept. 28.

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By Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce Curlers hit the greens

Members of the Wilberforce Curling Club tried their hands at a different sport – golf – to raise money for the upcoming season. On Sept. 20, a group of would-be golfers played nine holes at the River's Edge Golf Course in Bancroft. The foursome of Sonny Tallman, Nelson Evans, David Watson, and Ryan Watson won the best-ball tournament. Other competitions included closest to the pin, won by Jackie Wanninkhof for the women and Ryan Watson for the men, and the men and women's longest drive won by Nelson Evans and Marsha Sweet.

Pictured above: Sonny Tallman, left, Nelson Evans and David Watson won the golf tournament missing from the photo is Ryan Watson

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Women: High average: Chris Cote – 175 High single: Vicki Ross – 260 High single handicap: Vicki Ross – 316 High triple: Vicki Ross – 557 High triple handicap: Vicki Ross – 724

Monday night Sept. 22

Men: High average: Rick West – 218 High single: Rick West – 258 High single handicap: Ron Cummings – 303 High triple: Rick West – 693 High triple handicap: Rick Wilson – 771

Women: High average: Cathy Snell – 222 High single: Liz Cowan – 261 High single handicap: Liz Cowan – 315 High triple: Cathy Snell – 643

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Tuesday afternoon Sept. 23

Men: High average: Ken Thompson – 210 High single: Ken Thompson – 240 High single handicap: Nick Biljetina – 274 High triple: Ken Thompson – 635 High triple handicap: Nick Biljetina – 735

Women: High average: Chris Cote – 180 High single: Rae Shephard – 214 High single handicap: Rae Shephard – 264 High triple: Chris Cote – 533 High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 641

Wednesday Special Olympics, Sept. 17

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Women: Skylar Pratt – 179 Jamie Guenther – 150 Buddy Plouffe – 142

Thursday, Sept. 24

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single: Gerry Wagg – 221 High single handicap: Ray St. Pierre – 265 High triple: Gerry Wagg – 504 High triple handicap: Gerry Wagg – 582

Women: High average: Pat Stiver – 183 High single: Barb Ballantyne – 247 High single handicap: Barb Ballantyne – 301 High triple: Barb Ballantyne – 620 High triple handicap: Barb Ballantyne – 782

Friday afternoon Sept. 26

Men: High average: Ken Thompson – 203 High single: Ken Thompson – 228 High single handicap: Ken Thompson – 307 High triple: Ken Thompson – 741 High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 828

Women: High average: Ren Higgins – 175 High single: Jan Griffith – 228 High single handicap: Jan Griffith – 335 High triple: Pearl Foster – 522 High triple handicap: Jan Griffith – 796

Highlander environment



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Twelve-year-old Mikaela Kauffeldt, left, receives an Enviro-Hero certificate from HHLT chair Dianne Mathes and property donor Peter Dahl at this year's Wild About Nature gala. Bottom: A guest places her bid on an item in the silent auction.

Land Trust gets Wild About Nature

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over 120 people attended the seventh annual Wild About Nature Gala on Sept. 28 to support the work of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT).

Held at Bonnie View Inn in Haliburton, the event featured silent and loonie auctions, dinner and the recognition of this year's "Enviro-Heroes" of the Highlands. Each Enviro-Hero received a certificate and one acre of the Dahl Forest in their name for their

contributions to protecting and preserving the natural environment. The recipients were: Walter Ozog (Algonquin Highlands), Mark Brohm (Dysart et al), Mikaela Kauffeldt (Highlands East), and Paul MacInnes (Minden Hills).

A raffle draw was held at the end of the night with the winners being able to choose their prize of either a stainless steel barbecue, stand up paddle board or 12 car washes and interior vacuum. The lucky winners were Carlene Smith, Linda Taylor and Gail McEachern.



A Message to the Haliburton Highlands Community from the Haliburton Health Services Integration Transition Team

Dear Community:

On October 1st, Haliburton Highlands Health Services will launch its Community Support Services Division, strengthening its role as a Local Health Hub serving the needs of this community. This newly formed Division will now offer Community Support Services, Community Hospice Services, Adult Day Programs, Supportive Housing Services and Foot Care Coordination to full-time and seasonal residents and visitors.

On behalf of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Community Care Haliburton County, SIRCH Community Services and Victorian Order of Nurses – Ontario Branch (VON), we want to thank our community and recognize our Boards of Directors, our dedicated staff, our hundreds of volunteers and the many clients we serve for making this milestone a reality.

This step represents a new chapter for the delivery of health services in our community. For the past two and a half years, Haliburton County health service providers and many others have been involved in a Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN)-directed community health services integration planning exercise. We are grateful for the many people and organizations who participated in the community engagement opportunities presented as part of this process, putting their stamp on a "made-in-Haliburton" solution for health service delivery in this community. We are grateful to the Central East LHIN for the continued funding we receive, supporting the on-going delivery of these services to our clients, patients and their families.

We know the new services shifting over to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services bring a strong history of community service and client-focused care delivered with compassion by staff and a strong network of volunteers. We are grateful for the 33 years of support Community Care Haliburton County has shared with the community. We are grateful for SIRCH's creation and development of the Hospice Program and the Hospice Palliative Care program now part of Hospital services. We recognize the VON's Adult Day Program and Foot Care Programs are also a vital part of the community. We are pleased to see the governance and management of these health services remaining in Haliburton County and continuing to be delivered with compassion as we work together for the health of the highlands.

We are grateful for the tremendous volunteer support which has been fundamental for the successful delivery of these programs. We are thankful for the many volunteers who have committed to continue this support as part of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Community Support Services Division. As we move forward, we will continue to rely on the community's generosity, both in terms of volunteer time and generous financial support.

We encourage anyone who wishes to volunteer with health services or other volunteer organizations, to register with VolunteerMatch. This service is available to individuals, couples, families, companies or community groups – anyone who is interested in donating their time or staff's time within the Haliburton Highlands. To find out more, contact Wendy Iles at SIRCH Community Services at 705-457-1742 or info@sirch.on.ca or visit the SIRCH Community Services web site at www.sirch.on.ca.

We also extend special recognition to the staff joining the Haliburton Highlands Health Services team, bringing with them years of experience, expertise and dedication to the delivery of Community Service programs and services.

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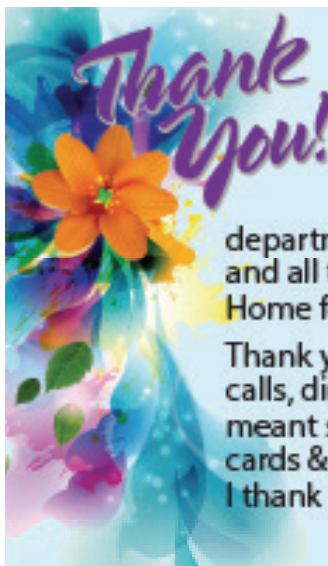
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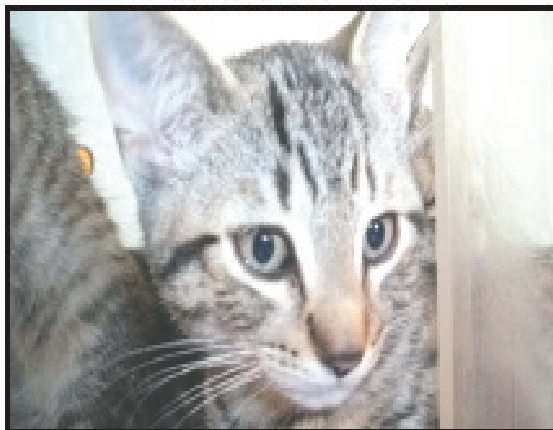
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What's on



Photo by Mark Arike

The cast of *Laundry* and *Bourbon* rehearses at the Haliburton School of the Arts on Sept. 30. From left, Jennifer Mykolyshyn (Hattie), Jennifer Button (Elizabeth) and Sally Hunter (Amy Lee).

Little Theatre ups the ante with one-act plays

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Highlands Little Theatre (HLT) is set to push the envelope and provide audiences entertainment that might be a bit more risqué than what they're used to.

For the past four weeks, a small cast of local actors have been preparing for their roles in *Laundry* and *Bourbon* and Scooter Thomas Makes it to the Top of the World – two, one-act plays that will debut at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Oct. 16.

"It's being done as a dinner theatre," said David McGill, a Minden resident who is directing both plays.

McGill explained that the HLT's current president, John Neving, came up with the idea to coordinate a couple of one-act plays with a dinner event. This year, one of the plays will be entered into the Eastern Ontario Drama League's festival at the Domino Theatre in Kingston next month.

"As it turned out, I was the only person sitting on the new management board who has had any experience in doing festivals and it turned out no one had directed one before, and no one really wanted to," said McGill.

Both comedies, *Laundry* and *Bourbon* tells the story of two best friends – Hattie and Elizabeth – who meet on the back porch of Elizabeth's home in Texas. Hattie enjoys visiting Elizabeth because she gets bourbon with a splash of water, and it offers her a wonderful escape from motherhood and her children. The two friends find themselves rudely interrupted by Amy Lee, who comes to deliver some bad news to Elizabeth about her straying husband.

The play stars Jennifer Mykolyshyn as Hattie, Jennifer Button as Elizabeth and Sally Hunter as Amy Lee.

McGill said the comedy highlights Hattie's and Elizabeth's relationships with

men, both past and present.

"It's meant to be funny," he said, adding that Amy Lee brings an element of drama into the mix.

Laundry and *Bourbon* was originally written by the late American playwright James McLure.

Following intermission, the two-person cast of McGill and co-director Lucas Mayhew will take to the stage in Scooter Thomas Makes it to the Top of the World.

"It is what we would call a black comedy and it's a memory play," said McGill. "It's kind of two genres in one."

Written by Peter Parnell, the play is about a character named Dennis who finds out that his best friend, Scooter Thomas, has died. Although he is deceased, the audience will get to meet Scooter through Dennis's memories.

"Many of those memories are hilariously funny," said McGill, pointing out that some of the strong language has been

"punched down for local consumption."

It's known as a black comedy because audiences are encouraged to laugh at things they normally wouldn't, such as death and conflict.

According to McGill, Scooter Thomas would be appropriate for mature audiences (18-plus) while *Laundry* and *Bourbon* would receive a PG13 rating.

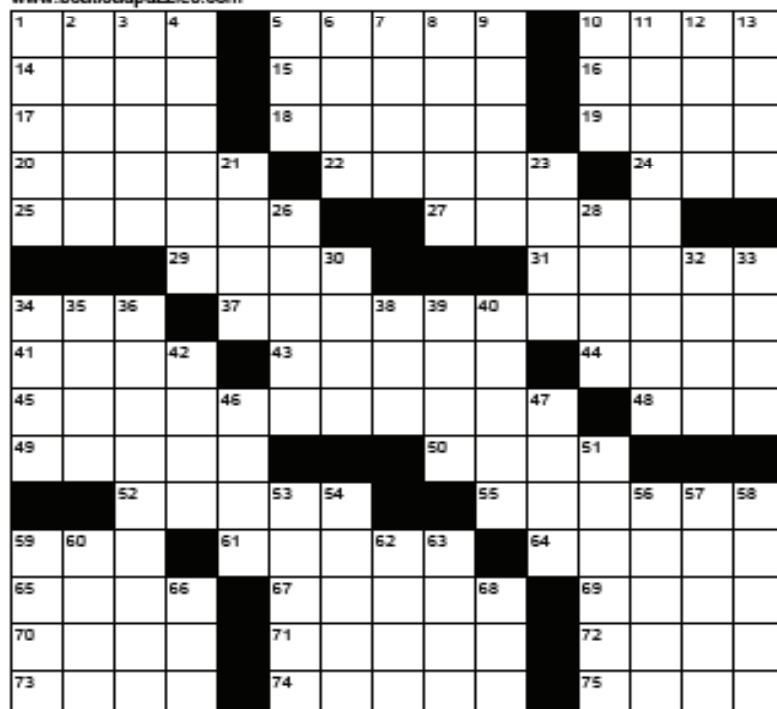
If any profits are made from the three showings, those funds will help one of the plays make it to the upcoming One-Act Festival. McGill said that the HLT board will select the play that gets entered into the festival.

In addition to the opening night, performances will take place on Oct. 17 and 18. A prime rib buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the performances starting at 8 p.m.

All tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling the Dominion Hotel at 705-286-6954.

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10. Roasting stick
14. Assist a crook
15. Tolerated
16. Admit defeat
17. Fellow
18. Artist ____ Picasso
19. Steamy appliance
20. Desirable quality
22. Listened to
24. Chicago trains
25. Teeter-totter
27. Royal rule
29. Trampled
31. Mr. Claus
34. ____ loss (2 wds.)
37. Business activity
41. Copper coin
43. Slumber
44. Acquire by labor
45. Extraordinary
48. Grant's foe
49. Swipe
50. Dull
52. Aroma
55. Quake
59. Break bread
61. Oahu greeting
64. Curtain
65. Hard candy
67. Fight site
69. Important times
70. Richard ____ of "Pretty Woman"
71. Vegetarians' taboos
72. Pinball no-no
73. Toward the sunrise
74. Chile's mountains
75. Brashness

DOWN

1. Legendary stories
2. Overweight
3. Thick
4. Vouch for
5. Recipe measure (abbr.)
6. Idaho neighbor
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8. Of the sun
9. Worship
10. Physics, e.g. (abbr.)
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12. False god
13. Perfect scores
21. Sour in taste
23. Part of DJ
26. Least desirable
28. Turnstile
30. Surrealism's Salvador ____
32. Ripped
33. English princess
34. Top pilots
35. Printed words
36. Forefathers
38. Trinity's boyfriend
39. Fax
40. Separate
42. Athletic group
46. Appeal
47. Shortening
51. French caps
53. Andean animal
54. Actress Sophia ____
56. "Ave ____"
57. Iridescent gems
58. Takes a break
59. Outer limit
60. Territory
62. Lettuce unit
63. Poker opener
66. Cherished animal
68. Mule's kin

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Haliburton County Farmers Market , Camarvon, noon to 4 p.m.	An old-fashioned thanksgiving , noon to 4 p.m., Haliburton Highlands Museum, demonstrations crafts and treats.	Haliburton County Studio Tour – visit haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca	Minden Al-Anon Family Group , meet every Monday at 8 p.m., Hyland Crest 6 McPherson St, Minden Painting time with Harvey Walker , 7-9 p.m., Agnes Jamieson Gallery, \$5
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